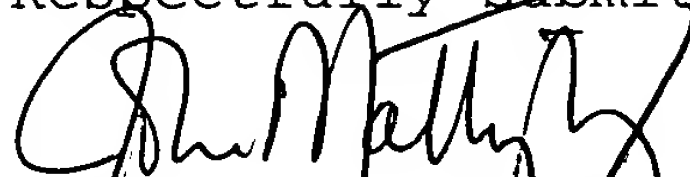


REMARKS

Examination is requested.

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5. (Once Amended) A neutral beam processing apparatus according to [any one of] claim[s] 2, [3, and 4,] further comprising potential difference adjusting means for making a potential difference between a neutralization cell wall defining said neutralization cell and said conductive member.

6. (Once Amended) A neutral beam processing apparatus according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 5], further comprising electron replenishing means for supplying or generating electrons in said neutralization cell.